



Thursday, October 16 2003

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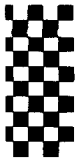
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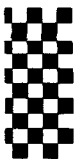
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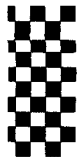
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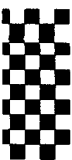
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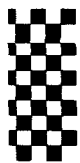
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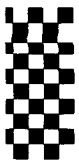
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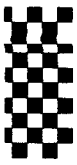
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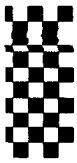
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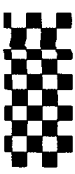
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Dear Commissioner Kathleen Q. Abernathy:

As a broadcast television viewer and consumer of electronics and computer products, I urge the Federal Communications Commission to vote against the adoption of a "broadcast flag." I am outraged that the FCC would consider a regulation would restrict the way I enjoy television.

The broadcast flag is neither in my interest nor the public's interest. It will prevent me from watching digital broadcast television in the ways I currently enjoy analog broadcast television—for example, it will restrict my ability to move the video I have recorded for personal viewing from room-to-room and place-to-place.

The broadcast flag will also lock out my computer as a way to watch my favorite shows using my choice of software on a plane or train, or to send a television clip of a high school football game to family and friends.

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I personally intend to start lobbying that the FCC as it is now structured should be reworked such that public opinion is involved in all decisions. The first step towards that is electing FCC officials as opposed to them being "appointed".

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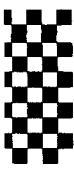
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Dear Commissioner Kathleen Q. Abernathy:

I strongly encourage the FCC to vote against the adoption of a "broadcast flag." The broadcast flag runs squarely against the FCC's charter to regulate industry in the public interest. This is undoubtedly a regulation purely for the entertainment industry's economic interest.

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